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Mr. Eric Newman
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United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region III-DE/MD Remedial Section (3HW42)
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Re: Progress Report 6/16/96 through 6/30/96 Response Action Plan Implementation Halby Chemical Superfund Site Wilmington, DE

Dear Mr. Newman:

In accordance with Section 8.7 of the Administrative Order for Removal Response Action (EPA Docket No. III-95-55-DC) for the Halby Chemical Site, Witco Corporation hereby submits a list of activities conducted from 16 June 1996 through 30 June 1996 and a list of planned activities for the next reporting period (1 July 1996 through 15 July 1996).

Activities Conducted During This Reporting Period

- 1. The Response Action Report (RAR) was completed and submitted to EPA on 28 June 1996.
- 2. The Laboratory Treatability Study, performed by Fahrenthold & Associates and ECD, continued during this period.
- 3. A site inspection was made on 26 June 1996. There were no items of concern observed.
- 4. The evaluation of remedial/removal options continued.
- 5. An EPA/Witco meeting to discuss the Project direction, the findings of the Laboratory Treatability Study, the risk assessment findings, and the project schedule was conducted on 28 June.
- 6. The transition of project responsibilities from Langan to ERM was completed.

Planned Activities for the Next Reporting Period

- 1. The Laboratory Treatability Study will be concluded during this reporting period. A Treatability Study Summary Progress Report will be submitted to EPA on 2 July 1996.
- 2. A Final Laboratory Treatability Study Report will be submitted following EPA's review of the Laboratory Treatability Study Report.
- 3. Preparation for the Field Treatability Study will begin during this period, which will include developing a Field Treatability Study Work Plan, contractor bid packages, and contractor interviews.
- The evaluation of the remedial/removal options will continue.
 Contractors will continue to be interviewed for future remedial activities.

If you have any questions or need additional information, feel free to call.

Sincerely,

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